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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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"Preach The Word"

By Dr. Homer G. Lindsay, Pastor
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(Preached before the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston, Texas, Wednesday night May 6, 1953.)

"I charge thee in the sight of God, even of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: **PREACH THE WORD**; be urgent in season out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lust; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside to fables. Be thou sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill thy ministry."—II Tim. 4:1-5 American Standard Version.

The last words of great men are always significant. It was so in the case of the great apostle. Paul is writing from his prison cell in Rome. Knowing that the time of his departure is at hand, when the great work of his life must cease as far as he is concerned, he is solicitous that the work shall go on after his death with undiminished force. Accordingly, in the words before us, he throws his whole soul into the task of urging Timothy to carry on the work of the ministry with vigor equal to his own.

Paul delivers this solemn charge to Timothy, knowing that Timothy lacked the dogged perseverance and tremendous moral courage of the great apostle. So in the light of his own experience in the ministry he speaks this admonition. Notwithstanding the lowly view Paul had of himself he greatly magnified God's grace in making him a preacher of the Gospel. Everywhere Paul went, his life bore out the saying, "I magnify mine office." He believed that nothing could take the place of the Christian ministry. "It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe."

God's foremost instrument is His preacher, in both the civilization and the evangelization of the world. Of such preachers someone has truly said: "He holds a divine commission, he proclaims a divine revelation, he is animated by a divine purpose, he accomplishes a divine result, he is dependent upon a divine Spirit." Paul delivers this solemn charge to Timothy, conscious of the fact that he was doing so in the sight of God, and he wished Timothy to ever so regard the charge.

Verses 1-5 ARE A ROUSING APPEAL TO TIMOTHY TO FULFILL HIS MINISTRY. In the words before us he throws his whole soul into the task of urging Timothy to carry on the work of the ministry with a vigor equal to his own. Paul was living in the expectation of the imminent return of the Lord. PAUL SOLEMNLY CHARGED TIMOTHY BY THE APPEARING AND THE KINGDOM OF THE LORD JES-



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US. Thus by the most solemn motives, speaking as in the immediate presence of the great judge of the quick and the dead, with the expectation of the second coming of Christ in view, with all the glories of the mediatorial kingdom spread out before his mind's eye, he urges him to the work—the ministerial work; the

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By the Editor

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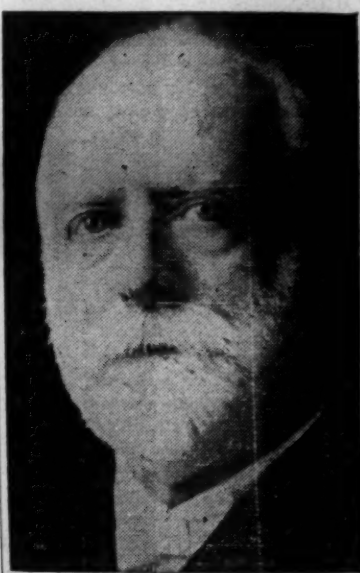
Paths To Perdition

By Dr. R. A. Torrey

"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."—Matt. 7:13, 14.

There are just two classes of people in this audience, those who are in the narrow road that leadeth to life, and those who are in some one of the many paths that make up the one broad road that leadeth to perdition, "eternal perdition." Some people say, "Let us go with the crowd." Well, if you go with the crowd, you will go to Hell. Listen again to the words of Jesus Christ, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matt. 7:13, 14).

A fool tries to avoid danger by shutting his eyes to it. That is the method by which modern Universalists and modern infidels try to escape Hell, by shutting their eyes to it or by denying its existence. A wise man avoids danger by opening his eyes wide to it and getting out of the paths that lead to it. That is the method I shall advocate from this platform tonight. I am sometimes said to be "a man without mercy," or "a man without a sweet and forgiving na-



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ture," because I tell you plainly your peril.

Friends, I do not want around me any of those wonderfully merciful men.

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You Are Responsible!

Each One Must Give Account to God For Some Others—
Your Family, Your Neighbors; Missionaries, Lost Friends

By Viola Walden, Secretary to
Editor John R. Rice

"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman... When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand."—Ezek. 3:17, 18.

"...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."—Josh. 24:15. John Wesley said, "The world is my parish." But you have a parish too; you must give an account to God for your family, for others you might win and help.

But how many of us neglect our own households! We hide our light under a bushel. Literally hundreds of letters come to Dr. Rice which read like this: "Please pray, Dr. Rice, for my husband. He isn't saved. Write him and tell him how to be saved. He doesn't know I am writing this... so don't mention my name when you write." By these words the writer is saying, "I don't have influence with my family. My testimony is not such as would lead others to the Lord." Oh, may the Lord help each of us to be the right kind of influence to our family, our loved ones—to those closest to us!

What revealing letters come to the Sword office and to Dr. Rice! How thrilling it is to hear from those who tell us that the only Christian testimony they have comes from our books and THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Yes, we live in a Christian nation, but some letters shock us. One may write that he has never owned a Bible. Another may say he has never



Miss Viola Walden

heard a prayer from the lips of his father or mother. Still another may write that he has never been inside a church.

But somehow THE SWORD or the Sword books penetrate into these hungry hearts and do a blessed soul-saving work.

The letters I am about to quote are recent. As we read what our literature is doing in the hearts and lives of thousands, we sometimes stop and ask ourselves, "What if there were no SWORD OF THE LORD? No plain sin-convicting Bible teaching as found in Dr. Rice's many volumes? How would these dear souls have ever heard the Gospel? Who would have

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Jesus And The Bible

By Evangelist John R. Rice

(Sermon preached at Bob Jones University Bible Conference April, 1953. Mechanically recorded for THE SWORD OF THE LORD.)

"Then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."—Matt. 4:1-4.

Verse 4 is a quotation from Deuteronomy 8:3. It is a remarkable thing that when the Saviour selected a Bible answer for Satan, He did not seek a Scripture that says, "The Son of God shall not do so and so"; but He found the Scripture that says, "A man shall not do so and so—Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Jesus loved to be called the Son of man. Jesus is God in human

form, God incarnate, born of a virgin, without a human father, supernaturally raised from the dead, perfect and immaculate in every thought, word, and deed. Not in any slightest particular did Jesus Christ fall short of deity and perfection. Yet He loved to be called a man and set out to follow the pattern set in the Bible for a man.

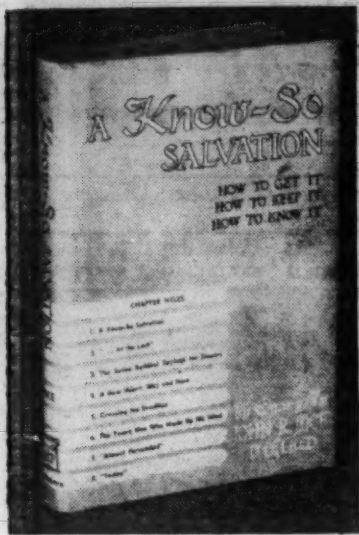
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Jesus, tempted by Satan, answers: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4).

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THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

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Read Annual Southern Baptist Sermon by Dr. Lindsay

THE SWORD OF THE LORD is widely known as the leading Christian magazine in the world for publishing Gospel sermons. So it is fitting and proper that we should publish the stirring, forthright message "Preach the Word!", which was the annual convention sermon given at the Southern Baptist Convention which met recently in Houston, Texas, in the giant city auditorium.

Readers will be delighted to note that this straight, clear-cut stand Dr. Lindsey makes for all the fundamentals of the faith, for the Bible as the inspired Word of God, for redemption by the blood, for soul winning as the chief business of the churches and of Christians. All the great fundamentals of the faith are expressed or implied in this strong message by Dr. Lindsay. The sermon was preached by a believer in the great fundamentals of the faith and to a congregation which believed in the fundamentals of the faith.

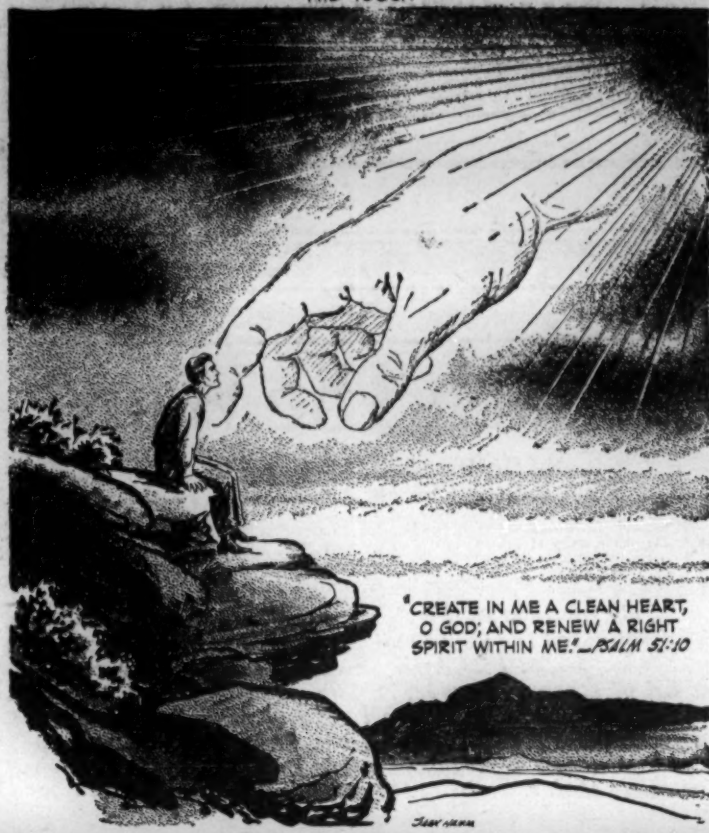
There are more than six million Southern Baptists, comprising one of the largest denominations in the world. With few exceptions, they believe the Bible. The vast majority of Southern Baptist preachers believe the Bible despite modernistic tendencies in the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, in Wake Forest College and a few other Southern Baptist schools. We can thank God that the official Southern Baptist Convention sermon representing the overwhelming sentiment of the whole Convention, takes a clear stand for the infallible Word of God, for the deity of Christ and His atoning death, for salvation by faith in Christ, a stand against sin, a stand for the new birth, a stand for Bible preaching. Thank you Dr. Lindsay for your good sermon.

Dr. Lindsay is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida, is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth. In 1935 Union University conferred upon him the D. D. degree. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, has served as President of the Tennessee Baptist State Convention and President of the State Mission Board of the Florida Baptist Convention. In thirteen years as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, he has baptized an average of more than 150 converts per year. The baptistry is filled every Sunday night and ordinarily some new converts have been won and received into the church and ready to be baptized, each Sunday night. Dr. Lindsay is in much demand for revival campaigns in the churches.

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God's Plan Works

The Editor, in his book, *The Home, Courtship, Marriage and Children*, has let it be widely known that he believes in strict discipline for children, and that young Christians as well as old ought to live a clean and separated Christian life. Many times when I, as a younger preacher, showed the harm of the commercial picture shows, and dancing, permissive necking and petting and cigarette smoking, people have said to me, "Just wait until your girls are grown and you will see! You will have to let them live like other people live." But happily the years have only proved that God's way is not only reasonable but happy and successful.

Dr. J. C. Macaulay, now teaching at Moody Bible Institute, but then pastor of my family said, in commenting on the book on *The Home*: "The best commentary on the author's thesis is his own home. This reviewer would suggest that the author is very

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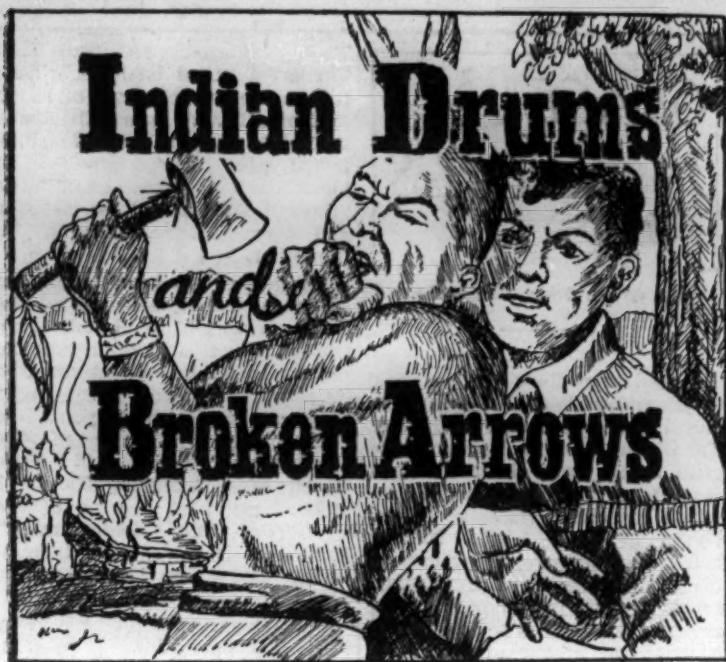
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By Craig Massey

THE STORY UP TO DATE: Jeff Lockwood 16, and Maud Watson 15, are trying desperately to get to Fort Killypox in pioneer New York state, to carry a message which may win the war between the English and the American colonists. The message is that Captain Lemming is to be at Fort Ticonderoga on the morning of December 26. They are cold, tired, and hungry, but they struggle on. Still two days away from the Fort, they are overtaken by an Indian warrior. They finally overpower him, tie him, and leave him. Desperately hungry, they have only the Indian's bow and arrow as a weapon. Jeff is finally able to kill a bluejay and they eat it.

Chapter 21

"I'll Be Back"

After the last of the blue jay disappeared, they pushed southward. The afternoon sun shimmered on the white snow. They waded through the drifts until evening closed in. A fire cheered them but little. Jeff propped their moccasins on sticks and turned them continually so they would not burn.

"I'm sorry I didn't hold on to my musket. At least I could hit a few of the squirrels we have seen," Jeff said.

"I wonder how far we have to go to get home," Maud coughed as she spoke.

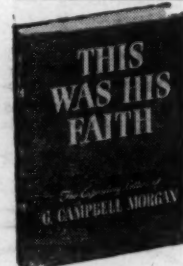
"I don't know, but if we go south far enough we're bound to hit the Mohawk River sometime."

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When the moccasins dried out they smothered the fire with snow and trudged through the barren forest, silent and worried. Jeff knew Maud was catching cold. He knew also the pinched feeling he had in his stomach was hunger, and although Maud hadn't complained he felt sure she was suffering more than he.

A whir-r-r of beating wings flared a few feet ahead of him. Jeff tensed as he saw a spruce grouse fly to a low-hanging limb. He strung an arrow and with Maud standing motionless, he edged forward, praying as he went. The bird, a rufous red color, gazed blankly at him. At fifteen feet he stopped and took careful aim. The arrow sang straight and true, plunging into the bird.

Jeff leaped forward and caught the struggling bird. With a cry of happiness Maud almost shouted, "Food!"

At her words, another grouse hurtled from a snow bank and plunged into a pine tree. Again Jeff crept forward, bow ready. He saw the bird squatting on a dark green bough. He let the arrow fly. The bird didn't move a feather as the arrow whined over its head. He readied another arrow and edged forth. Breathless with desire, and trembling with hope, Jeff again asked the Lord for help. The arrow left the bow, darting into the bird's plump breast.

As Maud plucked and cleaned the birds, Jeff built the fire and said, "I'm sure glad that spruce grouse have no fear of man like other birds. If they did, we'd never have this feast."

When the birds were ready, the two young people poured out hearts filled with thanksgiving before they ate.

After the meal was completed they pushed on again but within minutes Maud stopped and said, "I smell smoke and something cooking."

"It isn't from our fire, that's for sure, and the wind is blowing from the southwest, so that means the smell's coming from that direction. Let's head that way and see."

They struggled against the drifts, working their way up and down a shallow gully, running north and south.

It was Jeff who shouted, "Say, I know where we are. This is where I shot the deer and bear. Home is two miles south of here!"

Fired with this knowledge, they plunged through a pine grove. Ahead a trail of smoke lifted to the sky. Jeff shouted, "Hello, Mr. Watson!" An echo drifted back to them, "Hello, Mr. Watson!"

Then far off, a voice carried back, "Hello-o-o-o-o!"

"Praise the Lord, it's Dad!" Maud shouted.

Within minutes, Mr. Watson and Carl Ives crashed through the underbrush. Jeff saw tears running freely down Maud's cheeks and he felt salty drops of his own, as he gripped the hands of Carl and the missionary.

"We were just about getting underway to search for you," Carl explained on their way home.

"Are Mother and Pam at the fort?" Maud asked.

"Yes, we left them there, but we planned to return home as soon as you were found. That place is so crowded down there it's the best thing to do," Mr. Watson answered.

Back home around a roaring fire, and between mouthfuls of food, Maud and Jeff took turns telling of their experiences. Carl and Mr. Watson thrilled at the account, and both commended Jeff for his work.

When the story was complete, Carl said, "Jeff, the Killypox militia captured a number of the enemy. Among them was the fat-faced Kittle. They're taking him to prison in Albany."

"So, all his plans for the future are ruined. It sure proves that following an evil plan leads to a bitter end," Jeff said.

With a radiant feeling of joy they traveled to Fort Killypox where Mrs. Watson cried for happiness.

Captain Snow begrudgingly admitted Jeff had done a wonderful job. "In spite of the fact your father is a traitor, I guess you're all right," he bellowed.

Jeff smiled, knowing that when spring came and all the truth was known, his father would be acclaimed a hero by the very ones who now spoke against him.

He told Carl of the message. "I have to leave right away to get it to Captain Lemming."

"It will be rough traveling with snow on the ground, but you can make it," Carl laughed. "After all, with your Dad succeeding in tricking the English, I reckon there's nothing a Lockwood can't do."

For two days Jeff rested, and then on the third morning he helped the Watsons back to their home. Carl promised to help Mr. Watson put up the new cabin.

They arrived at noon and sat around the fire eating dinner, when Jeff glanced toward the brook. He saw three figures outlined dark against the snow. A wave of dread gripped him, for they were Mohawks, clad in blankets.

Mrs. Watson gasped, covering Pam with a blanket. Carl rose to his feet. One of the Indian warriors stepped forward and held his hand above his head. Then Jeff recognized Wigo, the same brave whose life he had saved. Now he had come back to attack.

They watched Wigo step thirty feet forward from the other two. With slow deliberate motions Wigo took a handful of arrows from his quiver and raised them in the air. He snapped them and cast the broken ends to the snow.

Jeff sprang forward. "It's a sign of peace!"

Wigo and the two braves walked forward solemnly. They came directly before Mr. Watson and Wigo spoke in English. "I escape those who took me east. I return to my village. I think. I think much. I remember what you tell me of Jesus Christ. I know you speak truth. I accepted Jesus as my Lord. Now I bring two of my tribal brothers so they can hear also."

The Indians stayed the greater part of the day and listened as Mr. Watson told them of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. Before they faded into the forest, all professed to acknowledge the Lord as Master of their lives.

The next morning the sun glistened silver white on the snow. Jeff's pack was in readiness as he pulled a warm beaver skin hat down over his ears.

Mrs. Watson kissed him lightly, "Jeff, we'll be remembering you every day in our prayers."

Carl grasped his hand, "Come back as early as you can in the spring."

"Do that, Jeff, and plan to stay with us," Mr. Watson agreed.

"I'll be back. Nothing could keep me away but it won't be for the same reasons I had when I came out here last spring. I'm coming back to build a home in

this wonderful wilderness land, but I have a greater reason than that. After seeing Wigo and his red brothers change from enemies to friends because they accepted the Lord Jesus Christ, I want to come back and help you do missionary work among them."

"Good, I'll need help," Mr. Watson said.

Jeff kissed Pam and turned toward the east. Maud walked with him, until they reached the edge of the clearing.

Tears filled Maud's eyes and her voice was husky, "Jeff, I'll be looking for you when the first maple leaf unfurls next spring."

"I'll be back, Maud."

He waved to the folks, and broke into a trot eastward through the snow.

The brilliant sun glistened on the white snow; a fiery red cardinal whistled from a leafless maple. These things were pleasant, but Jeff's heart throbbed with joy for deeper reasons.

Dad is a hero instead of a traitor. Won't Mother and Mary be glad when I walk in with that news! Then next spring I'll be



"I'll be back in the spring," Jeff said, waving to the folks.

coming back here to this wonderful country, Jeff thought as he moved along the edge of a ravine.

His first impulse was to skirt Fort Killypox and avoid the antagonism of Lumberkin and Captain Snow. Yet, this would take him out of his way and he was anxious to get to Captain Lemming as soon as possible.

By noon he stood at the log gate. The sentry had seen him and within moments the door swung open.

Captain Snow stood there and, to Jeff's amazement, extended a huge paw-like hand. He exclaimed "Jeff, my boy, good it is that you're here again. Come in! Come in!"

Jeff was so startled by this unexpected welcome that he stood motionless for a moment. Then he saw Lumberkin rushing from the blockhouse and the scout's weather beaten face relaxed in a broad grin. "Jeff Lockwood, I'm apologizing to you for my ways last summer."

Jeff sputtered in confusion, "Why? What?"

"Surprised by all this, young feller?" Captain Snow bellowed.

"Yes," Jeff admitted.

"We know a lot more than we did. Come, boy, I'll show ya something."

Jeff followed as the Captain and the scout headed for one of the log buildings. Captain Snow laid a finger across his lips, indicating his desire for silence and then stepped inside. At first Jeff could see nothing, for there was little light. Then as his eyes adjusted themselves, he saw a bed with someone in it, off to one side.

Suddenly an explosive exclamation came from his lips. "Dad! Dad!" he cried as he sprang forward and threw his arms around the sleeping man.

His father awoke, "Jeff, you made it back safely!"

"Yes," was all that Jeff could say.

"And how about the girl?" his father questioned.

"Maud's fine, Dad, but how did you get here?"

"Well, shortly after you escaped, I found out the plan the English have for a spring attack. With this information, my work was done. I feel certain our army will be able to successfully defeat them next year. So I slipped away shortly after you did and now I must get to Captain Lemming as soon as possible with this material, and then we'll head for home."

"Won't Mother and Mary be glad to see us walk in!" Jeff sighed.

"And won't I be glad to see them!"

"I will too," Jeff agreed.

Mr. Lockwood pulled on his boots as he said, "Well, after a good meal we'll be off, Captain Snow."

"Good, and the next time you come west be sure and stop by Killypox. You'll both be welcome."

Within an hour Jeff and his Dad were swinging east on the horses generously supplied by Captain Snow.

Sam Lockwood spoke softly as they moved along the frozen Mohawk River. "The Lord has been good to me, Jeff. He's enabled me to help in our resistance against slavery."

"He's been good to me also, Dad. I have learned a lot in the last seven months and I'm coming out again as soon as I can and help Mr. Watson do missionary work among the settlers and Indians."

His father smiled contentedly. "Splendid, for I plan to bring Mother and Mary out next spring."

"Everything's worked out perfectly," Jeff said aloud. Then to himself he thanked the Lord for returning his father to him—not a traitor, but rather a real hero. Yes, the Lord certainly was good.

The End

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Above is picture of the crowd at the Shrine Mosque in Jack Shuler evangelistic campaign, Springfield, Missouri, which closed May 3. The Shuler team is engaged as this is written (May 24-June 14) in a city-wide campaign in Los Angeles, the first since the Billy Graham meetings in 1949. It is at the same location and with the cooperation of 350 churches. Tremendous victories are expected.

"Preach The Word"

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evangelistic work; the work in which Paul had spent his strength and ungrudgingly spent his splendid faculties; the work is described in three words: "PREACH THE WORD!"

What I have to say to you in these few minutes allotted to me can be summed up in the three admonitions of Paul: 1. PREACH THE WORD. 2. NEVER LOSE YOUR SENSE OF URGENCY. 3. CARRY OUT TO THE FULL THE COMMISSION GOD HAS GIVEN YOU.

I. The Charge Is to Preach the Word

This is the grand work of the minister, in which he is to lay out his strength of body, mind, and soul. Weak and foolish as it may appear, this is the grand instrument which God has put in our hands, by which sinners are to be saved, and saints fitted for glory.

Brethren, this is our great work. It is well to visit the sick, and well to educate children and clothe the naked. It is well to attend conventions and conferences. It is well to write books or to read them. But here is the main thing—PREACH THE WORD.

The Word here refers to the whole body of revealed truth—the Word of God. The preacher is not to occupy his time with book reviews, politics, economics, current topics of the day, psychology, unproven theories of science, but the Word. The preacher as a Herald of God cannot choose his message. He is given a message to proclaim by his Sovereign. The preacher who does not do that should give up his office.

Preach the Word—which tells of RUIN BY THE FALL, REDEMPTION BY THE BLOOD, REGENERATION BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. Preach the Word which tells of Jesus Christ, of death to sin by his death upon the Cross, of life to God by His resurrection from the dead. Preach the Word of holy obedience, of charity, patience, gentleness, and peace; the Word of like mindedness with Christ, conformity to the will of God, the Word of truth and righteousness, the unerring word, which is like God, and cannot lie.

II. Never Lose Your Sense of Urgency

1. *Preach The Word With Instancy.* "Be urgent in season, out of season." The preacher is to proclaim the Word when the time is auspicious, favorable, opportune, and also when the circumstances seem unfavorable. There is no closed season for preaching. How anxious was the Lord Jesus in this! "When He came near and beheld the city, he wept over it." How earnest was Paul! "Remem-

ber that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn everyone night and day with tears." Such was George Whitefield; that great man scarcely ever preached without being melted to tears. Satan is busy. Death is busy. The Spirit of God is busy. He hath cast our lot in times when there is the moving of the great Spirit among the dry bones. Shall we be idle, or stand upon ceremony? Oh, that God would baptize us this day with the Holy Ghost and with fire that we might preach in season and out of season.

2. *Preach The Word With Authority.* There was an element in Paul's preaching that must needs be in all effective preaching. It was his tone of authority. He believed with all his heart his message. As God's ambassador, he delivered it without quailing for one moment. It is conviction that convinces. Earth's last place for stammering and indefiniteness is in the pulpit. Christ's ambassador is to proclaim his Master's message boldly, not apologetically. Christianity is nothing if it is not dogmatic. Our message is like that of the prophets of old—"Thus saith the Lord!"

3. *Preach The Word With Exhortation.* The preacher is not only to speak in stern language against sin, but he is to exhort. This word has in it the idea of, "Please, I beg of you, I urge you." Most ministers are accustomed to set Christ before the people. They lay down the Gospel clearly and beautifully, but they do not urge men to enter in. Now God says, Exhort—beseech men—persuade men; not only to the open door, but compel them to come in.

III. Carry Out to the Full the Commission God Has Given You

In view of the coming defection from the faith once for all delivered to the saints, Timothy is exhorted to do three things in connection with his proclamation of the Word:

1. *"Be thou sober in all things."* The presence of false teachers necessitated a wakeful attitude, a constant presence of mind, a quick discernment of opportunity for advancing the truth. All preachers must one day give an account of their stewardship. Such a thought ought to stimulate them to greater faithfulness. "Watch thou in all things, stand fast in all that you are doing." Watch to thy work. Watch against the temptations of Satan. Watch over the souls of those committed to thy charge.

2. *"Endure afflictions."* This is a sharp command given with military snap and curtness. Timothy needed just that. He, like many of us, was not cast in a heroic mould. What "softies" we some-

times are, afraid to come out clearly in the proclamation of the truth and our stand as to false doctrine, fearing the ostracism of our fellows, the ecclesiastical displeasure of those we consider superior, or the cutting off of our immediate financial income. I had rather walk a lonely road with Jesus than to be without His fellowship in the crowd, wouldn't you? I would rather live in a hovel and eat simple food, and have Him as head of my house and the unseen guest at every meal, than to live in royal style in a mansion without Him.

3. *"Do the work of an evangelist."* As Timothy had been lately occupied in organizing the church life at Ephesus, the admonition was not needless that he should henceforth devote himself to the direct work of evangelism, as the best antidote to heresy and impiety. Sylvester Horne said, "The ministry that is not an evangelistic ministry is not in the full sense a Christian ministry, for we cannot obey our Lord's command and leave His divine appeal unuttered to those who are heedless and unresponsive."

Wherever people were, Jesus preached to them and taught them. The church and the ministry will have to get back to that. Only as she expresses herself in faithful witness will she save herself. We are to evangelize the world by witnessing to it concerning the redeeming, risen Saviour. "Witnesses unto me!" This is our commission to the world, "to witness to it." Not to set the world straight, nor to reform it, nor to seek to save civilization. The world's slogan is, "The survival of the fittest," but God's evangel to human hearts is, "The making of the unfit, fit." In fulfilling this task, we are to set individuals straight as they become right with God. We are here to witness to Christ and to manifest lives that would banish in themselves, and from the earth all social ills. Preachers of the Word of God have ever summoned believers to holy and righteous living, and told the story of a saving Christ to a dying world.

If this sin-cursed race has changed at all, it seems to be inwardly at least, for the worse. If that be true, men need more than ever, the message of the cross. There is no other Gospel; none other is needed! The souls of men demand as never before a ministry of healing power in the midst of a world that suffers from the wounds sin has made. What our age and every age needs is warm, spiritual, and positive preaching of the Word, holding up Jesus as the Saviour of men, preaching the efficacy of the atonement for sin accomplished on Calvary, and offering salvation fully and freely to all. A great evangel like this is never out of date.

We can never forget that it was Paul, the most accomplished and erudite of the apostles, whose

GRACE NOTES

By Grace Rice MacMullen

I used to write a weekly radio program for WMUU, Greenville, South Carolina, featuring hymns. Each week we dramatized one good hymn story. That's when I first discovered Mr. George Sanville's excellent "Forty Gospel Hymn Stories." It's a 90-page book, and includes the music to forty outstanding hymns and solos. But the big feature is the remarkable hymn stories, one for each hymn. In one of my favorites, though not necessarily the best in the book, Mr. Sanville tells how "Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart" was written. It was at the Sunday morning service at Mountain Lake Park, Maryland, camp meeting. After a remarkable blessed sermon on "Repentance," there were many who came to the altar. One was a woman of culture and refinement, struggling to come to Jesus and yet seemingly unable to just take the gift of salvation. Mrs. C. H. Morris went quietly to her side, put her arm around her, and prayed with her. Then she said, "Just now your doubts give o'er." Dr. H. L. Gilmour, song leader of the camp meeting, added another phrase, "Just now reject him no more." L. H. Baker, the preacher, added, "Just now throw open the door." Mrs. Morris made the last appeal: "Let Jesus come into your heart."

Isn't that a remarkable story? That's how the chorus of that famous song was born. But more important, a soul was born into the kingdom—and many more have, since then, through hearing it.

I had a nice talk with Mr. Super the other day, of Super Recordings. If you haven't heard Super recordings, you'll be thrilled, I think, when you do. Look them up, hear a few, and see if you don't agree. If your book store doesn't have them, they can be ordered from Sword of the Lord Publishers. The Kings Karollers, a girls' trio, have done a magnificent job on "It

soul was fired most with a passion for evangelism, before which all the old racial barriers went down like a bowing wall and tottering fence. The church and the ministry of today needs to ponder deeply on this fact, that it was the man of most massive intellect and most varied scholarship, who was the first Christian evangelist, who said to Timothy, "do the work of an evangelist."

A great evangel like this is never out of date. Times have altered in outward appearance, methods and manners have changed like degree; but the heart of man remains the same. Because this inner need has been untouched by the changing order, the same old Gospel is indispensable to lead him to salvation. We are not permitted to delete it, to meet fluctuating currents and conditions. It is not a new message this age needs, but the full and final Gospel. To an ever-changing and perishing world we must take this message—that is able to "save to the uttermost" all who will come unto God by Christ, who is the way, the truth and the life. May it be yours through the passing years, whatever change may come, to take to a hot, restless, feverish world this message of good news, the old, old Gospel of the redeeming love and saving grace of God.

Finally, my brethren, "PREACH THE WORD."

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Mr. Super has been telling me about the brand new star of the Super series—little Bonnie Jean Collier. She's an eleven-year-old redhead with lots of personality, he says, and a way of singing a song to bless. He thinks you'll like "Obey" and "Children of the Heavenly Father," and "The Touch of a Mother's Hand." I enjoyed my first hearing of the singing of this "Bonnie miss"! Her voice is pleasant and enunciation clear. Don Hustad at the organ accompanies "just right!"

Mr. Super doesn't see why Christians should leave it to secular organizations to do the best renderings of sacred music, and I agree. He certainly does his best from the technical end, and that's mighty good. He has a grand array of fine equipment and some of that "infinite capacity for taking pains" which Michelangelo said constitutes perfection. You know he's good when you realize he handles the "dubbing"—the mechanical recording—of scores of radio programs a week, many of them the top nationwide broadcasts in the Christian field.

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DR. J. OSCAR WELLS, Sword Evangelist, just completed a revival campaign with the Fairview Church in Watauga, Tennessee. Rev. Richard Pettitt is the pastor. There were 40 conversions in the

campaign. Thirty-five joined the church by baptism and 5 by letter. There were 15 rededications to Christ also during the campaign. The attendance went from 75 to 350 and the entire community was stirred for Christ.

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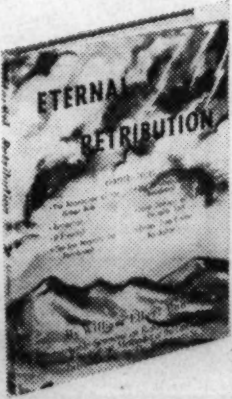
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EVANGELIST JOE B. RICE, Sword Evangelist, reports a brief revival campaign with the Lawn-dale Baptist Church of Denver, Colorado. Rev. Lester Farrington is the pastor. The church had not had a revival campaign for years and many of the people, at first, were rather skeptical. The church was revived; there were 7 conversions and 7 families who pledged themselves to begin devotions in the home. The young pastor, according to Evangelist Joe Rice, shows promise of being a wonderfully used man of God.

Sword EVANGELIST JIMMIE THRELFALL spent six days with the First Baptist Church of Pottsville, Pennsylvania. This was the first revival effort the church had attempted in many years. The pastor, Rev. J. Sydney Kane, Jr., is bearing a great testimony for Christ and although there was no great outward manifestation, two married couples were saved, a young man of 18 was saved and a mother of 12 children. Others who had been saved previously made public testimony to the fact and there were happy rededications.

EVANGELIST HENRY G. SPRAGGINS, 3705 White Settlement Road, Fort Worth, Texas with his associate, Rev. James W. Luton, have incorporated as "Ambassadors for Christ." They have a



Rev. Henry G. Spraggins

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the floating night club, The Show-Boat near Houston and Galveston. He is a graduate of Howard Payne College, with some training at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, was a chaplain in World War II.

EVANGELIST O. W. STUCKY 17345 Northrop Avenue, Detroit 19, Michigan, recently conducted a two week revival campaign with the Calvary Baptist Church of Des Moines, Iowa. During this series there were 48 conversions and a number of rededications. A total of 4,881 chapters of the Bible were read and 4 people read through the New Testament in the two weeks while 65 people signed the evangelists Bible-reading covenant which takes the reader through the Bible in one year.

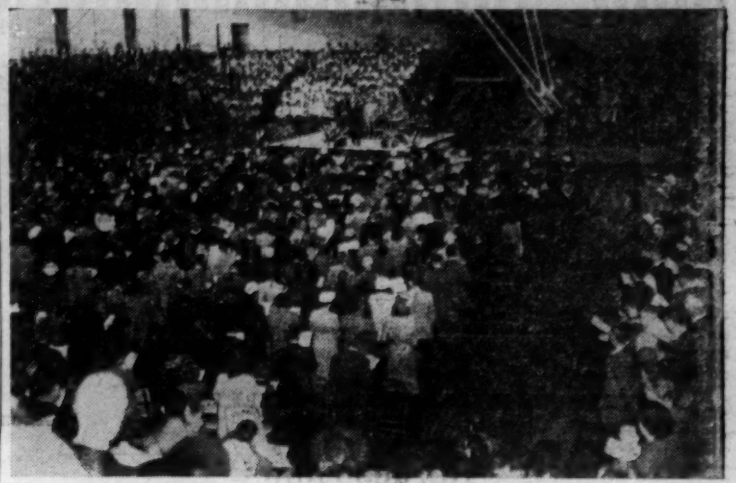
EVANGELIST MILLARD B. BOX recently conducted a 10 day revival campaign with the Moberly Avenue Baptist Church in Longview, Texas. During this campaign there were 105 additions to the church, 70 of these by baptism. There were approximately 300 definite rededications and all records were broken for attendance. There were nearly 1000 in attendance the last Sunday night in the auditorium which was built to seat 500 people. The home address of Evangelist Box is New London, Texas.

EVANGELIST HAL WEBB, evangelist for Youth for Christ, International, held a blessed revival in the United Missionary Church, Detroit, Michigan. Rev. William K. Burgess, pastor, reports that there were 121 conversions recorded during the campaign.

EVANGELIST LLOYD H. BARDOWELL, Box 4706, Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina, held a tent campaign, April 19 to May 10, in Augusta, Georgia. The revival, sponsored by the New Testament Baptist Church, was reported by the evangelist as a time of mighty conviction which saved souls and revived His people. 34 people responded to the invitation for salvation. About 16 other decisions were recorded during the meetings.

EVANGELIST LAWRENCE BAIRD, Myrtle Creek, Oregon, writes: "... Since January in our meetings there have been 127 first time decisions for the Lord; 78 of this number were baptized in our meetings. ... On this last trip in the Midwest, I found so many that had no knowledge of salva-

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tion; just been church members. ... There were many men converted and families saved. ...

EVANGELIST BENNY BATES, 1204 Larkwood, Covina, California, sends a report on his evangelistic ministry during February, March and April. He ministered during this time in ten churches in the southwest. 286 people were saved along with numerous other decisions among Christians.

Youth EVANGELIST FRED-DIE GAGE, Decatur, Texas, held a week of meetings in the Park Temple Baptist Church, Fort Worth recently. Mr. E. Eugene Green, Jr., Educational Director says: "The largest group ever to assemble at Park Temple Baptist

Church heard Evangelist Freddie Gage. ... The service was the weekday climax to the Youth Revival in which 21 people accepted Christ as their Saviour. ... The church also received into its membership 8 persons by letter and 2 by statement. ... Park Temple has sky-rocketed in reaching people for Christ in its three-year history, having baptized 200 converts. ...

EVANGELIST FRANK HARBELL, 139 North Street, Stoneham 80, Massachusetts, was the speaker in a revival in the Packer Baptist Church, Packer, Connecticut, where Rev. Winthrop W. Farnsworth is pastor. From May 5-17 there were 35 first-time decisions in the meetings.

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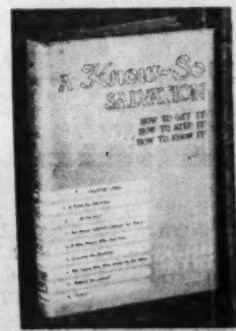
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—Anon.

THE GOOD NEWS

A thief broke into a Buffalo, New York, church and got away with some valuable equipment and several dollars from a collection box. The next day the church's outdoor bulletin board carried the words, "If the person who burglarized this church will contact the pastor, he will receive important news."

Interested, reporters called on the pastor. "What's the good news?" they wanted to know.

Replied the pastor, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

—Youth for Christ Magazine

WE ARE ALL DANGEROUS FOLK WITHOUT GOD'S CONTROLLING HAND.

—William Ward Ayer

HISTORY REPEATS

The minister answered the rap on his study door to meet an anguished father who stood before him with a crumpled telegram in his hand. His son, a brilliant lad, had been killed in action.

The father looked at the pastor in bitterness, "Tell me, where was God when my son was killed?"

"My friend," the pastor quietly replied, "God was just where He was when His own Son was killed!"

—Sunday

(These illustrations are chosen from Dr. Mervin Rosell's new book, DRIFTWOOD—gathered for you who want to build a house of TRUTH—with clean sea-washed boards of logic and illustrations. Price, paper binding, \$1. Sword of the Lord Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois.)

You Are Responsible!

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reached them for God?" Then we realize what a tremendous responsibility we have to the thousands of unsaved people who regularly read sermons from THE SWORD . . . to the approximately twenty thousand ministers who look to THE SWORD for help in preaching, and blessing . . . the hundreds of missionaries whose only preaching and teaching come from THE SWORD. No wonder Dr. Rice works literally day and night to feed these over one hundred thousand on the subscription list. His responsibility is one of the greatest.

We again share some of these blessed letters with you who pray and help multiply this ministry by sending subscriptions, ordering books, and giving of your tithes and offerings to our Free Literature Fund, or our Missionary and Ministers Gift Fund. Every week literally scores of letters come from hungry-hearted people in other lands who are unable to get money to the states, or who have such a meager income, they cannot afford the subscription price. We draw from this fund to put such subscriptions on to receive THE SWORD OF THE LORD. So we are sharing with you some of the blessings which come because you have had a share in making them possible.

SWORD Subscribers Best Church Members

One friend from Old Town, Maine, writes: "We have found that all those who have become subscribers to THE SWORD in our church are the members who have grown the most in the Lord this past year . . ." Mrs. E. M. Keazirian.

SWORD Wins Souls

A very gracious letter has come from Mrs. Sue Haerter of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. "Since I have taken your paper my husband has taken Christ as his personal Saviour; my single daughter, sixteen, also has. And when we don't get to go to Sunday school or church we then read from our Bible and a sermon from your paper."

"Keep SWORD filled with blood!"

Minister to the Deaf, Rev. Jerry F. Potter, of Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, says:

"In the first part of the sixth verse of the thirty-fourth chapter of Isaiah, we find these words: 'The sword of the Lord is filled with blood.' While the writer no doubt had something in mind besides your paper, it is wonderful to know there are still men who believe in the blood. People think too often that blood is repulsive. They seem to have forgotten their very life is in their blood, that our nation's freedom was purchased with the shed blood of martyrs, and most of all, the Bible is a book of bloody sacrifices. It is heartbreaking to hear preachers trying to preach a bloodless gospel. Keep the 'Sword of the Lord' filled with the blood!"

Greatly-Used Southern Evangelist Sees Sword Almost Everywhere He Preaches

"...I have preached in more than seven hundred Southern Baptist churches, and the vast majority of the more than seven hundred pastors subscribe to THE SWORD OF THE LORD, which is the source of many of their sermons. Recently, while running a revival, I observed some sermon notes on a pastor's desk and was profoundly impressed. I asked the pastor to let me copy them, as he stated he had preached the sermon on the previous Sunday evening! He gladly granted my request. When I arrived home I picked up my SWORD OF THE LORD and while reading it, read this same sermon which had been published three weeks before, while I was away in revival. Many pastors praise the work of THE SWORD OF THE LORD." Thus writes Evangelist Clifton W. Brannon of Longview, Texas.

Pastor Uses Sermon From SWORD; Sister-in-law Saved

Mrs. J. H. Cook of Ellinwood, Kansas, writes: "You might like to know one of the results of the first prize-winning sermon. I read it before going to church, and really wished my unsaved sister-in-law would read it, but I got her to attend church with me and the pastor had also read the same sermon and used it as his message that night. And she was saved, and since then her three boys have been saved. . ."

Yes, good pastors find excellent sermon material in THE SWORD OF

THE LORD. Let me inject a funny incident here.

Some years ago Dr. Rice held a union revival in a large city in the South. On a Sunday morning he was invited to preach in the largest Baptist church in that city. His message was, "Facing the Pierced Jesus." He noticed strange looks through the large congregation, and wondered why there was no more response to the message. After the service, he was told that their pastor and assistant had each spoken on the same subject recently, both using the same outline! This message by Dr. Rice was printed in Dr. Rice's book, *Revival Appeals*, and this good, well-known and greatly-used pastor and his assistant knew a good sermon when they read one!

"A Year's Subscription Represents a Pair of Shoes for One of My Children"

An interesting letter comes from a Methodist missionary in the interior of Brazil. This is what we mean when we ask for money for the Missionary and Ministers Subscription Gift Fund:

"April 23, 1953

"Dear Dr. Rice,

"Last year I was pastor of five Methodist congregations in the interior of Brazil. All were a great distance apart, and usually I got around by motorcycle, but often I had to walk over eight miles in mud and rain to reach the preaching stations. Besides pastoral work, I also taught English. I never had time to study sermons as I would have liked; in fact I never read as I should have. THE SWORD OF THE LORD was the greatest help I had during the year, both as a source of private inspiration and sermon material, including illustrations. It was one of the greatest blessings of the year to me. Through the inspiration it gave me, I'm sure it was a blessing to hundreds of my parishioners. The field is so large, and workers so few, and distances so great, with such poor transportation, that all Christian workers are overburdened. The work is so vast that we only scratch the surface of what really ought to be done.

"Although I'm the son of an American missionary, educated in the U. S., our American Mission Board would not accept me, and I'm in the national ministry of the Brazilian Methodist Church. Since it is very hard to live on the salary the national church is able to pay, I've been forced to supplement my income by teaching English. Even so, it would be very hard for me to subscribe to THE SWORD OF THE LORD. A year's subscription represents a pair of shoes for one of my children. In view of this, you can understand why I cannot find words to express my heartfelt gratitude for the free subscription to THE SWORD OF THE LORD which you have so generously provided. May God bless you. Please remember us in your prayers. Thank you."

(Signed) Leon Lehman

Scores of missionaries, because of their limited income, are unable themselves to subscribe to THE SWORD OF THE LORD. So money sent to the Missionary and Ministers Subscription Gift Fund takes care of such subscriptions. Wouldn't you like to know that you could bless a missionary by paying for his subscription for at least one year (\$2.50 a year in foreign countries before July 1; \$3 per year after that date.)

Rev. John VanKampen, brother to Bob VanKampen, owner of VanKampen Press in Wheaton, is a missionary in San Fernando de Apure, Venezuela. He wrote April 30:

"My subscription to THE SWORD has just expired. Not for anything would I like to be without its precious messages of challenge and inspiration. They go a long way to make up for the lack of spiritual fellowship here on the mission field. I am happy that you are making a continual effort to get the paper into the hands of as many missionaries as possible. Our prayer is that our Lord will ever multiply the ministry of THE SWORD and that hundreds of thousands will be converted and millions edified. Having been in contact with the paper ever since training at Moody Bible Institute in the late thirties, only God

knows the influence it has had on my own life and ministry."

Japanese Pastors Thank Unknown Donor for Gift Subscription

Literally hundreds of pastors in Japan devour each issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Two years ago around one thousand names of pastors were sent to us by missionaries in Japan. Each of these, when queried by missionaries had asked for this paper. They were put on the subscription list to receive THE SWORD OF THE LORD for one year from the Missionary and Ministers Subscription Gift Fund. Untold good was done, as evidenced by their letters. At their expiration date last year, many wrote expressing a desire to continue receiving the paper, though they could not send the subscription price. Thus hundreds of them were put on again out of the same fund. So many write such interesting and quaint letters. Some of these pastors have literally had their ministries revolutionized by sermons in THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Rev. Nobuzo Suyemitsu of Shimogamo, Kyoto, Japan writes:

"It is very good of you to send me the notice of a gift subscription to THE SWORD OF THE LORD: which was paid by a mutual Christian friend, whose name I don't know. But I am so grateful for the kindness shown in giving me the chance to read the wonderful revival weekly ever hereafter.

"I am so eager to read it every week. Every time I read it I am so encouraged and instructed that I can go with full of my strength to the field of the evangelical work given me by the Lord here in Kyoto."

An Interesting Highway Conversation

A very interesting letter comes from Mr. James M. Worsham of Santa Ana, California, who tells about picking up a sailor on Highway 101. After discussing other things, he said to this sailor: "I want to ask you a question—one that is vital and important. What do you think of Jesus Christ?" Then the sailor told him this story:

"I was not raised in a Christian home. Neither my mother nor my father were Christians up to about six years ago. Then in an evangelistic meeting they, together with all the six children walked down the aisle and accepted the Lord."

Then Mr. Worsham asked him, "Who was the evangelist?" He replied, "Dr. Rice." The sail-

or told him the town and the date when it took place.

Mr. Worsham continued, "I never met Dr. Rice, but I know him through his paper, THE SWORD OF THE LORD."

Said the sailor, "Yes, we take that paper."

Then Mr. Worsham went on to say that he was a fine outstanding young man, said that the sailor read his Bible regularly and was living for the Lord and the whole family was faithful.

Yes, we meet them everywhere (Continued on page 8)

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Soul-Saving Film Tells the Story of the Ruin of Sin and the Miraculous Transformation Brought by Jesus Christ to the Ruined Sinner

By Editor John R. Rice

At Bob Jones University the other day, I missed the public world premiere showing of the stirring Christian motion picture "The Miracle." It was given on Sunday night, and I was scheduled to preach at the Bible Presbyterian Church. However, wonderful reports came to me of souls saved through this film.

In that first showing there were eight or ten public professions of faith, I think, and several others later let it be known that they had decided for Christ while in that remarkable service.

Several years ago in Toronto, a young man heard me preach at Avenue Road Church. He felt a call to preach, and was urged to attend a modernistic seminary. But I urged him to attend Bob Jones University and he did. At the recent commencement, he was graduating. But Monday morning he came across the campus to greet me with a shining face. His brother-in-law had come from Canada to be present at his graduation and the night before had been gloriously saved as he saw the new picture, "The Miracle."

Mrs. Stenholm, who directed the film, was pleased when a young man came to tell her that the woman who sat by him in this premiere showing of the film was saved. She had planned to join the Catholic church and already had an appointment with the priest, but found Christ through this picture.

A young woman came to the University for the Commencement with her boy friend. And she was

saved Sunday night as she saw the film, "The Miracle." Others came to say that as soon as the film was over, one man stood up and said happily to those around him, "I'm saved! I'm saved! I'm saved!"

Every part in the story was taken by students and faculty at Bob Jones University. Every camera man, every scene shifter, every script writer, every person who had anything to do with making the film, is a born-again Christian.

When Howard Burns, the student who plays the lead part, was approached about taking part in the film, he gladly accepted, saying, "I owe a debt to Unusual Films that I'll never be able to repay. My mother was saved through Dr. Bob's sermon, 'The Light of the World' on film."

All scenes in the film, "The Miracle," were made from sets in Unusual Films studios except for two long shots in the bank president's office and the Poinsett Hotel dining room.

The next day Mrs. Stenholm, director of Unusual Films, arranged a private showing of the film for me, and I found it tremendously moving and good.

Dr. Bob Jones, Jr. is the narrator of the story. Talking with a banker, Dr. Bob Jones tells that God can still work miracles and, to prove his point, he tells the story of a greatly-respected and successful artist whom the banker knows. Dr. Bob Jones tells the true story of how this man reached the heights of fame, played in

The Editor's Notes

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modest in his references to his family. A man whose six daughters are such happy, true Christians has a right to a hearing on the questions discussed in his volume."

The editor praises God that all six of his daughters are earnest Christians, soul-winning Christians. Three are married to full-time Christian workers and are in full-time Christian work. A fourth heads the art department for The Sword of the Lord.

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P. H. Moore
Bristol, Virginia

There are many others who write of salvation, or other special blessings. Perhaps we can take space for them in a later issue.

I trust God will lay a burden on your hearts to help spread the Gospel message, especially during the present subscription campaign, which closes July 1. Now for one yearly subscription, the price is \$2 a year (\$2.50 per year in Canada and foreign countries). For two or more subscriptions sent at one time, the rate is \$1.50 per year (\$2 per year in Canada and foreign countries). For every ten subscriptions sent at this bargain rate, you may have absolutely free a copy of the brand-new book by Editor John R. Rice, A Know-So Salvation. There are eight chapters on salvation, security, and assurance, stirring sermons that God has used to save souls, to convict and save and give certainty to the heart. There are 187 pages. This big book is yours absolutely free with ten yearly subscriptions at \$1.50 per year (\$2 per year in Canada and foreign countries).

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Think with me for a bit about living by the Bible, or Jesus and His Bible. The Bible stands so high in God's estimation, it is a pity that it does not stand higher in ours. In the first Psalm the Scripture says: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Now the Bible says this blessed man meditates day and night in the Bible. He is like a tree with its roots down soaking up the river water all the time; his leaves are always green; he brings forth fruit in season always, every year—everything he does prospers. Whatever he does prospers. That is true of anybody who meditates day and night in the Bible.

That the Bible is the key to prosperity and success in everything is given in Joshua, chapter 1. The Lord said, 'Moses my servant is dead. But I am not dead, Joshua. As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.' Let's not worry when the Moses' die; God will have a Joshua. It doesn't matter too much about what particular individual God chooses to use as a vessel just so long as we have a God ready to raise up another vessel. Then He said in Joshua 1:7, 8:

"Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee; turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."

Here again is the plain statement that if you will set out to follow the Word of God, not turning to the left nor to the right a hair's breath, meditating in it day and night, then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. A perfect rule for prosperity, blessing, and success. Success in everything you do. Success in your job. Success in your home. Success in your friendships. Success in your ministry. Success in your fellowship with God. Success in soul winning. The perfect rule for success is to meditate day and night in the Word of God. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that

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proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

I. What Jesus Taught About the Bible

Now, about Jesus and the Bible. First, what did Jesus teach about the Bible, the Word of God? The recent translation, the New Revised Version of the Bible, has brought again to the fore the principle of inspiration. Is the Bible all inspired? To what degree is it inspired? Does it just contain the Word of God, or is it all the Word of God? Did God give the thoughts, or did God also give the words? Were the men who wrote the Bible simply super-vised, or did God simply give them the very words of the Bible? That whole question has come to the forefront again, and it ought to be thought out again.

A man in one of the great seminars in the world told me that they have a seminar, a group of the faculty, meeting once a month, and have been for two years, getting ready for a statement, a writing, a book, a declaration on the inspiration of the Bible. It is a matter of very great importance.

1. Jesus Said God Gave the Very Words of the Bible

What did Jesus Himself teach about the Bible? Well, first He said, "Every word proceedeth out of the mouth of God." What does this mean? What is the Bible then? It is the breath of God. Now I want you to check on me a little. It is a real joy to sit at the feet of a scholar such as Dr. Brokenshire. Dr. Brokenshire, the Bible doesn't teach that men necessarily are so inspired as to become infallible and to write down for us the Book of God. Rather, the Bible says that the Word itself is breathed out from God. Inspired is a kind of an adaptation of the thought. But it was called to my attention by Dr. Warfield of Princeton that the Bible itself is the breathed-out revelation from God. God gave the Bible. Not that God blessed men and men produced the Bible; but that God Himself breathed out the Bible. That is what Jesus says here, "... every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Then Paul said in I Corinthians 2:13, "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual." Or as the American Standard Version says, "comparing spiritual things with spiritual words." God gave both the thought and the words. But here Jesus said the same thing plainly—verbal inspiration. God gave the very words of the Bible.

2. The Jots and Tittles* Inspired Too

About the inspiration of the Bible, Jesus said in Matthew, chapter 5, verses 17, 18: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets. ... No. The law here does not mean the Ten Commandments. It does not mean ceremonial law, or moral law. It is a term for the first five books of the Bible. 'Think not that I am come to destroy Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, or the prophets [the rest of the Old Testament written], but to fulfill.' Jesus did not come to destroy the Bible, the Old Testament. 'For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle' (of the Old Testament, or of the New Testament either for that matter, though Jesus here speaks of the part then in writing) 'shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.'

Jesus says here that not only

the words, but the very letters and the markings of the Bible, as far as they were in the original manuscripts, were given of God. Of course you and I know that the Bible was not originally written down in English. Of course you and I know there are problems of copying, problems of translation. Nevertheless, here it is clearly true that God intended us to know that revelation is to be marked by words which God gave originally, and by even spelling that God gave originally. Paul knew that. So one time, by divine inspiration, he was led to make a play on the very spelling of one word, the singular instead of the plural. He said, in Galatians 3:16, "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." Paul was making an argument on the fact that the very spelling of the words in the original manuscripts was given of God. And God said the singular, not the plural, and he was making an issue of that.

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breath of God. They proceed from the mouth of God. It is true, as far as we know, that not many of the words came in audible tones from God. The Ten Commandments did. A few times in the life of Jesus Christ we have record like that in Luke 3:22 where God spoke from Heaven, "Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased." But mostly the Bible is not composed of words that God spoke in audible tones. That doesn't change the fact: the words in the Bible—everyone of them—proceeded from the mouth of God, Jesus Christ Himself being witness. The verbal inspiration—and more than that—the letter inspiration of the Bible. That is what Jesus said.

You say, "But, oh, there are problems." I know there are problems. There are problems about any miracle. But you say, "I can't understand." There are a good many things you don't understand. What you don't understand would fill a pretty big book. But that doesn't make Jesus Christ mistaken, or a liar. It still remains that God gave the very words of the Bible, in original autographs. The words and the letters of the Bible were given infallibly by God. So the Scripture says, and so Jesus Christ Himself says.

3. Jesus Said Only a Fool Doubts the Bible

Further. What did Jesus say? In Luke, chapter 24, after His resurrection and speaking to some of the apostles who had gone down to Emmaus (I suppose they were His apostles; at least they were His disciples) He said, in effect, "You don't believe I have risen from the dead? You don't believe in the resurrection? Do you know why you don't? You are fools. You are slow to believe the Bible. You don't believe the Son of God should be crucified and rise the third day? You are fools." "How are we fools?" they asked.

"You are fools in being slow to believe what the prophets have spoken." Listen to the exact wording: "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses" (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy) "and all the prophets. . . ." (David was a prophet, the Bible says in Acts, chapter 2; so that would include the Psalms, that would include the major prophets, the minor prophets, etc.) "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." The whole Old Testament here Jesus vindicated; and He said that anybody who is even slow to believe it is a fool. Anybody who is even slow or critical about the Bible and believing every bit of it—all of Genesis, all about Jonah, all about creation, all of it that contradicts evolution, every bit of it—if you are slow to believe it, then you are a fool, that's all. You may be a nice, polite, smart, educated fool; or you may be a dumb, country-hick fool, but you are still a fool when you are slow to believe the Word of God. Jesus Christ said so.

I am preaching about Jesus and the Bible, and our text is: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." There is something sweet and wonderful in the fact that even that was a quotation from the Bible, from the Old Testament that He was talking about, in this case. He said, "I quote you what the Bible says about itself, and I believe that, that . . . Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." That is what Jesus believed about the Bible.

II. The Problem of Human Authorship

There is the problem of human authorship. You say, "The Bible says here that Jesus said, ' . . . every word proceedeth out of the mouth of God.' But I thought Moses wrote part of it." He did. You say, "I thought David wrote

part of it. I thought the prophets wrote part of it. I thought that Paul, Matthew, Luke, James, and others wrote parts of it." Yes, that is true. There is the problem of human authorship. But that doesn't mean that God didn't do perfectly what He did about this matter of the Bible. That does not mean that the Bible is anything less than the absolutely perfect, infallible Word of God. There were human elements, but they were always secondary, and always subject, and always controlled elements perfectly in the will of God. Now Paul said, "I trust that I shall be released from prison and come to you." Paul said over in Philippians, chapter 4, "I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord." Paul wrote to Timothy, "Hurry up and come before winter and bring my cloak. It's cold in this dungeon."

Yes, there is human element in there. God used men. But that is not surprising. It is part of the mercy of God that He used men. Isn't it wonderful that God allowed men to have part in this perfect and wonderful and miraculous thing, the Bible?

God allowed Mary, God allowed the human race to have part in bringing forth Jesus. Jesus is the Son of David. David is a man. Jesus is in a sense the servant of Israel, but Israel is human. Is that right? So Jesus is the Son of Mary, and Mary was a poor, frail, fallible woman. Mary could sing praises and say, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." Mary was a sinful woman, as you and I are sinful. I think she was good by human standards. Virtuous, clean and fine, yes; but she said, "I was a sinner and He is my Saviour." Though she was the mother of Jesus, yet she was a woman who needed saving. Isn't it wonderful that God condescended to take on Himself the form of a servant when He took on the form of humanity? Mary was the passive but believing human instrument when God incarnated His Son. Bible writers were the passive but believing instruments when God breathed out the very words of His Bible.

That isn't all: Paul says, "We have this treasure in earthen vessels." He said, "I have something perfect. Though I am frail, yet in me there is that which is perfect, and he which hath begun a good work in me will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." There is a sense in which I became a partaker of that supernatural, divine nature, and Christ is in me, and Christ in you, the hope of glory. A wonderful thing! But the believing sinner accepts salvation, a supernatural gift from God. He does not originate regeneration any more than Moses or Isaiah or Paul originated their part of the Bible. They received it.

So in the Bible, there is a human element, but that does not change a particle the fact that the Bible is the infallible and perfect Word of God.

1. The Bible Not in Any Sense the Product of Research

Now a word about research. So much that is silly and foolish has been said about inspiration by false interpretation of Luke 1:1-4. Here Luke said:

"Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, Even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses, and ministers of the word; It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed."

Five members of a faculty of a great college sat with me not long ago and went into this thing. I called their attention to a mistake in a published book seriously wrong on the human element in inspiration. The president of the school was also present. One of

those professors said, "But Dr. Rice, doesn't this say that Luke wrote because he had knowledge of it by personal experience, and he consulted eyewitnesses about such matters? Doesn't that speak of human research in writing?"

I answered that it did not. In the first place, if you will note carefully, Luke says, "It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first," should not be "from the very first." The Greek word *anoteron* should have been translated "from above," as it is generally translated and as is certainly the primary meaning. "I had perfect understanding of this from God, supernatural revelation from God," Luke said, "and that is why I wrote it."

Notice further. He said other people wrote from eyewitnesses. " . . . as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us," they wrote " . . . even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eyewitnesses." Luke says a lot of other people said, "I knew Jesus; I talked with Mary; I heard John the Baptist preach; one of the apostles told me." Many other people had written that kind of gospel, with the human element predominant and which though they might have been historically accurate in general, they were not divine, they were not supernatural, they were not the inspired, God-breathed word of revelation.

Luke says, "That is good, but now wouldn't you like to know something certain, O Theophilus?" So he said, "I will tell you how I received it—from above." Do you think it doesn't mean that? The Scofield note has here,

"From the very first"; Gr. *anoteron*, "from above." So translated in John 3:31; 19:11; James 1:17; 3:15, 17. In no other place is *anoteron* translated "from the very first."

If you will study further you will find that the great teachers thought the same. B. H. Carroll said that it ought to be "from above." Erasmus said it ought to be "from above." Gill, the predecessor of Spurgeon and a great scholar, said it ought to be "from above." Gausson, that great Swiss theologian and I think the greatest authority on inspiration in modern times, said it ought to be "from above."

I showed those professors that. I went down the line and showed man after man after man. There are plenty of authorities for verbal inspiration even among scholars. You can name Robert Dick Wilson, Warfield, Machen, Allis, and others from Princeton; B. H. Carroll, Scofield, Gausson, and so many others who were for word-for-word inspiration of the Bible. They were real scholars. Don't let anybody ever tell you that the most scholarly men do not believe that God gave the very words, for the men who put the most study on it do believe that.

Somebody says, "Don't you think somebody talked with Mary and found out about the virgin birth?" No sir! If somebody talked with Mary and found out about the virgin birth, that would only be the kind of accuracy which you can have in the *Saturday Evening Post*, or in a news story from Korea, if a man talked with some man in the frontline trenches. It will take a lot more than the word of Mary to settle for me the virgin birth. No, no! Luke says, "I got this from above. I got this by supernatural revelation from God, not by eyewitnesses."

2. No Common Human Sources For Gospels: No Copying

Somebody asks, "Brother Rice, don't you believe the Gospel writers—Matthew, Mark and Luke, the Synoptic Gospels that had so much in common—don't you think they copied them from a common source?" No. In the first place, there is not a hint in the Bible that they copied them from any source whatever. All the talk about ancient manuscripts, about the "Q" manuscript that is supposed to have been the basis, and Mark copied some and edited it, and Matthew copied some and changed some and added some, and Luke copied some—all of that is a kind of tommyrot that is no better than fables and myths and

legends. There is not a bit of evidence for it. Nobody ever saw the so-called "Q" manuscript. Nobody knows anybody else who ever saw or who ever heard tell of it. It is the invention of men who want some other reason to explain the Bible but the one supernatural reason; infallible, verbal inspiration. The reason Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are much alike is that they were inspired by the same Holy Spirit, and recount the same events. So they are alike because God made them alike.

No, you cannot find the reason for the Bible in the human element. You cannot find a human reason for the perfection of the Bible because of copying, or because of quotations, or because of editing, or anything of the kind. The Bible came by divine inspiration, and men of God gave the very words of God.

3. The Incarnation of Christ Perfect Picture of Human Authorship of the Bible

You say, "How could that be? God didn't use a man just as a machine, a robot, and the man write down the words. . . ."

No, but let me illustrate that. You know, Jesus is the Word of God, too. Here is a wonderful picture, so clearly given in the Bible. You know, Jesus is the Word of God. This Bible is the Word of God, and Jesus is the Word of God. In the first chapter of John we read, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Jesus is the very Word of God. In Revelation 19, John said, "I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called *The Word of God*."

What is the name of Jesus? "The Word of God." I don't wonder that Jesus revered the

Bible. I don't wonder that he said that every jot and tittle will be fulfilled, and that every word proceeded out of the mouth of God, because Jesus is Himself the incarnate Word of God. The two, Jesus and the Bible, are so closely related that God calls them both by the same name. This Bible is the Word, and Jesus is the Word of God. This Bible is the revelation of God, and Jesus is the revelation of God. This is the only true book in the world. This book is the truth. But Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." There is an identity of Jesus and the Bible.

Here is a remarkable thing. I take the Word of God and plant it in a heart. That Word of God is taken in and it sprouts and grows. That is what the Bible said about the new birth. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible." (Continued on page 10)

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corruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." (I Pet. 1:23) I plant the Word of God, the written word—I plant this Bible in the heart and what happens? It sprouts, and it becomes, "Christ in you the hope of glory." And Christ Himself is in the Christian, after the Word of God was planted there! You see, there is an identity between the Bible and Jesus, the Son of God. Both are called this supernatural-inspired term, "The Word."

Now Jesus is both God and man. Jesus is perfectly human, but He is absolutely, perfectly God, deity, divinity. But did the human side have anything to do with the birth of Jesus? Didn't He have a human mother? Wasn't He carried under a mother's heart? Didn't He nurse at a woman's breast? Wasn't He held on a woman's knee? Didn't Jesus grow up in a family? I would not be surprised to find that Jesus, in the human body, looked like Mary, His mother. Is that blasphemy? Don't you think He had the influence of a mother? Yet, was Jesus in any wise limited and made imperfect or made less than deity by the fact that He had a human mother, and in that sense, a human origin?

Now she was like a writer of the Bible. Mary was like one of the writers of the Bible. She had part in producing deity in the flesh. Yet the truth is, she was passive in the matter. She was conscious; she was glad; she offered her loving submission; she said, "Be it to me according to thy will"; and she believed what the angel announced to her. Mary had part. She bore in her body the little baby Jesus and suffered in His birth, nursed Him, cared for Him, tended Him. Mary had a part. But all the time hers was the passive part. Hers was submitting to the will of God. And God did the miracle through the human body of Mary.

So the Word of God. God did the miracle of this Word of God like He did the miracle of the other Word of God. That is in the Bible He clothed it in words; in Christ He clothed it in human flesh. And He used men to clothe the Word in words, but the men did not elect the words, any more than Mary determined any detail of the miracle of the incarnation.

Oh, but you say, "There is difference in style." I know. But never mind; it is still true that God allowed the human element to be there, but always God-controlled completely; not just supervising, but actually producing the Bible and giving the Bible so that the words proceeded from the mouth of God, so that the Bible is the breath of God, put down on paper. So the Bible is the infallible Word of God.

You may not understand it. That is not surprising. I don't understand the miracle whereby I became a new creature. And there is something in me that becomes the perfect image of God. It isn't dominant much of the time. I have two natures. And when I would do good, evil is present with me. But one day the rest of it will be perfected as it is not now perfected. Yet the miracle of regeneration has taken place, the new birth, wrought of God's Spirit in me. And God's Holy Spirit wrought that miracle in the inspiration of the Bible. God's Holy Spirit wrought that miracle in the bodily conception of Jesus in the womb of a virgin. In every case the Spirit of God is the dominant and controlling and perfect feature, and man is the passive instrument, but usually the glad and believing instrument of God's mercy in such a case.

So, then, the Bible is the Word of God like Jesus is the Word of God. Jesus is perfect and sinless and the absolute truth. And the Word of God is perfect and sinless and the absolute truth. Thank God for the Bible! I can hold the Word of God, I can hold Christ in my hands in some sense. This Bible is the one miraculous, tangible thing in this world. I don't mean that leather, or that sheet of paper, or that printing—I mean the Word of God that is in here. This Word of God is the one miracu-

lous thing that we may feel and touch and see and know and study and prove—the miracle of the Word of God.

So Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." The human element is there, but it is not the dominant element. God is the one who gave it. In the original manuscripts God gave the words. God gave the spelling. It is the infallible revelation of God.

You say, "Could not God have had men to copy down. . . ?" He could have. And if He had said He did so, I would believe it. Anywhere God said in the Bible that He copied down the genealogy, I would believe that. But since the Bible doesn't say it, I don't believe it. The Bible does say, Jesus Christ said, that every word of the Bible proceeded from the mouth of God, and it is true.

Do you want me to explain the divine nature and human nature of Jesus Christ in one body, perfect man and perfect God? I cannot explain it, because when you put a miracle in, it may be beyond human explanation, but it is not beyond human faith. Do you want me to explain how the Bible has human element and divine element and turns out to be the immaculate and perfect and faultless Word of God? I cannot explain it because there is a miracle in it. You put God in, and God is more than the understanding of man's mind and heart can take in. But, thank God, it is not beyond human belief. And that is what the Bible claims to be. That is what Jesus said about the Bible.

III. We Are to Live Daily By the Word

Now, last of all, Jesus said that man should live by the Word of God. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." How do we live? In one sense, we live by breathing oxygen. The Bible says "the breath of life." God made man and breathed into him the breath of life. There is a sense in which breathing is living, because unless I have oxygen taken in and the oxygen then is used and consumed and food stuff is transformed and the blood is invigorated and the processes are carried on, I will die. In some sense, man cannot live without breathing, and breathing is living. Now in the same way, spiritual life is in the Word of God. It is the breath of God. As I breathe in the Bible, as I take in the Bible, as I let the Bible do its blessed work on me, I am living in God. Man ought to live from God. My life is from God. So Christian growth, Christian happiness, Christian fruitfulness, and Christian moral standards are all in this. How much do you live in the Word of God?

1. Meditating in the Word of God Daily should Be Christian's Breath

I am sometimes shocked to find Christians who haven't even read through the Bible once. How can a man live "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" when he has never even read it, or has never even heard it read? A man ought to absorb the Bible, love it, meditate on it, read it all—every bit of it again and again and yet again. No wonder that is the secret of success as given in Psalm 1:1-3 and Joshua 1:7, 8. The Bible! In some sense when I breathe in the Bible I breathe in God's thoughts and God's power and God's will, and the Saviour. Plant the Word of God and it sprouts, and one is born again, and behold it is Christ in you, the living Word. Then live by the Word of God like breathing.

2. Christian Growth Must Come by the Bible

Sometimes we might say that we live by eating. Well, some live too high that way, perhaps; but you take in food. Somebody says that you live by exercise. No, exercise may be good for you, and you need more of it perhaps, but unless you take in food, you don't grow. Christian growth is wrapped up in the Bible. The Scripture says, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that

ye may grow thereby." The Bible is food. It is milk for the baby; it is strong meat; the bread. Nearly everything the Bible says Jesus is, it also says the Bible is. Jesus is the Truth; the Bible is the Truth. Jesus is the Word; this is the Word. Jesus is the Bread—"I am the bread which came down from heaven"; yet the Bible is the Bread of God, too, you see. We are to eat. It is meat and bread and milk. Oh, let's feed on the Word of God, live by the Word of God. Everybody ought to do that. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

3. Power Comes from Living in the Word

Then living in the Bible means living in the power of God. If a man lives by the Bible and breathes in the Bible, you know God's thoughts after him as you find them in the Bible. Oh, how wonderful! How wonderful! Once I made up my mind that I was going to preach everything in the Bible, and I have tried it. I have prepared notes on every chapter in the Bible, every principle verse in the Bible. It took me five years' study and hard work to write out notes on everything in the Bible. Now as I go back through, it is sad to find so much I left out. I started out to preach on everything in the Bible. Now I am beginning to be discouraged. I never catch up. God opens up more light than I can ever get to preach. Believe it or not—I know more than I ever get to preach! Oh, the blessed Word of God is the infallible Reservoir. Let us feed on the Word! When you love the Word of God, you find that you are loving God and His way. You are loving Christ. You are enjoying Him. That is the reason that in John 15:7 Jesus said, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." Ask anything you want. You are in the will of God. You want what He wants. If you abide in Jesus and His words abide in you, God can afford to give you everything He has. Then, let us say, "I am going to stock up on the Bible. I am going to fill myself with the Word of God. I am going to meditate therein day and night." Do you know what it is like to meditate in the Bible? It is having fellowship with God. It is making love to Him. It is enjoying His fellowship.

Young people, you are busy. You have this class, that, and the other. Much study is the weariness of the flesh. Most of you look pretty fresh; you are not very weary! But even the study of the Bible can become routine, can become professional, can become a matter of getting grades, can become a matter of getting a diploma, or a degree. Oh, take care! Take care! Don't lose this wonderful secret of prosperity and blessing. Whatever else you do, take

time every day with the Bible. I mean beyond your study—to feed your soul, to meditate and find the Lord, to know His will, to let praise rise up in your heart, to let understanding of Jesus, the Truth, and all the plan of God make itself clearer to you. Feed on the Word of God.

How much shall I read the Bible? Someone has said that if you read four chapters a day, you can read the Bible through in a year. Better than that! Somebody else has wisely said, "Read every day at least until your heart burns within you. Read until God tells you something. Read until the Bible makes an impact. Read until the blessed life-changing, cleansing power of the Word of God takes effect for the day."

Now let us come back to the text. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." This blessed Bible! Do you want to succeed? How much do you love it? Do you have doubts about it? Doubts come to people who do not take time to learn it. Doubts come to the people who do not take time to enjoy it. Any doubts? "Oh, fools and

slow of heart to believe all the prophets have spoken." Those who do not submit their hearts to the Bible may doubt it, but none ever doubted who gave the Word a chance, who say, "I submit myself to it. I bow down to it. I will make myself a slave to it. I will let it talk to me. I will change to fit the plan of God. I will meditate day and night on the Word of God." What blessed, blessed victory there is for a Christian. Let us read the whole verse together: Matthew 4:4. "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

PRAYER: Our heavenly Father, wilt Thou imprint on our minds indelibly Thy Word this morning? Arouse a new reverence, a new holy respect and worship for this Word of God, Christ in a Book, the Truth and the Life in a Book, which we may carry in our hands, which we may read and learn, which may change our lives; this Key to prosperity. O Lord today let us give ourselves anew to this one Book, every word of which proceedeth out of the mouth of God. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

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Both my son Bob and I, as well as the rest of the people here, get very tired. The grinding routine is almost more than human strength can endure, but we just can't stop. Everywhere we go we run into something that reassures us that we are right in our emphasis here at Bob Jones University. Just a day or two ago, I noted a great religious gathering, and on the platform at that gathering were five graduates of Bob Jones University. They were all soul winners. The majority of the students who have gone out from this school are winning people to the Lord Jesus Christ. Men who have a spiritual approach—men like Dr. John R. Rice, as well as Christian leaders in various walks of life—come on Bob Jones University's campus and sense something

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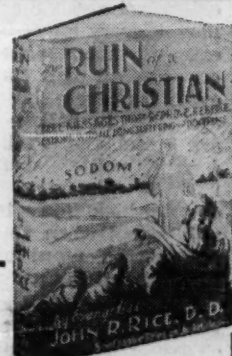
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ciful people who reveal their "sweet and forgiving nature," by throwing sand into my eyes and trying to make me think I am safe when I am in grave and imminent peril. The man who points out my sins and my peril is my best friend and my kindest friend. The man who flatters and deceives me is my worst foe and my most cruel foe. Delilah coddled Samson while she bound him for his foes. That is what these so-called "liberal-minded preachers" are doing. God forbid that for the sake of popularity I should join them in their damnable work of destroying unwary souls.

I shall therefore point out to you tonight with great plainness of speech some of the paths that lead to perdition, in the hope that at least some of you who are walking in these paths will get out of them before you leave this building.

I. Impurity

Impurity is sweeping more men and women and boys and girls into perdition in this city than any other sin. Intemperance claims but a small fraction of as many victims as impurity. The spread of impurity in our land, because of the war and because of the movies and because of the breaking down of parental restraint at home, and of sound moral teaching and discipline in our schools, and because of the general outbreak of lawlessness in all departments of our modern life, and especially because of the sowing of the seeds of infidelity in schools, colleges, and even in Sunday Schools and churches and everywhere else, is simply appalling. The things I have personally known about the impurity in young and old, and in all classes of society, have made my heart sick and faint. I know some things about many of you in this audience tonight that you do not think I know. Some I know by your very looks; you bear the marks of your sin in your eyes, in your faces, in your gait and in your manner. Some things I know by direct testimony. Much of our Los Angeles life is festering with the sin of Sodom. Sins of impurity in their various forms are a swift and sure road to perdition. Impurity leads to perdition in many ways:

1. First of all, *impurity breeds unbelief in God, and in Christ, and in the Bible.* I have found by personal investigation that very much of the unbelief of our day has its origin in impurity of life. Let me give you an illustrative example. A young student came to me and said that he was skeptical. I asked, "Why are you skeptical?" He replied that he had been reading philosophy and the study of philosophy had made him skeptical.

Then I said, "Is your life right?" He hesitated. I followed it up. "Are you not living in sin?" and I named the sin I had in mind. He made a clean breast of it. He was. I told him to quit his sin, then do certain other things, and he would find his skepticism would take to itself wings and fly away. He promised to do it. Some months passed.

This young man came to me again and I said to him, "Where do you stand now?"

"Just where I did," he replied. I asked, "Why have you not gotten over your skepticism?"

"I do not know," he said. "Have you given up your sin as you promised to do?"

He dropped his head and answered, "No."

"Well," I said, "give up your sin, and you will get rid of your skepticism. That's your trouble."

He dropped his head lower and said, "I guess it is."

Yes, it was; and it is the trouble with a good many of you men and women here tonight who flatter yourselves your trouble is skepticism. No, with many of you the real trouble is not skepticism; it is simply disgusting impurity of life. I say that in all kindness and for your own good. If I have hit you, don't get angry at me; for I am your friend. Get angry at yourself, for you are your own worst enemy. Get angry at yourself and quit your sin.

Professor W. W. White was once lecturing in Chicago on infidelity. A fine-looking, gray-haired man, a man with a bright mind, came up at the close of his lecture and said something like this, "You are a Christian, and I am an infidel. I am just as sincere as you are, and you have no right to tell me I am not."

"Is your life pure?" Professor White inquired in reply.

"Just as pure as yours," the man replied.

"Have you any objection to giving me your name?" Professor White inquired. "I want to look up your record."

The man began to edge away and refused, saying that his name was none of Professor White's business. But Professor White secured his name from someone in the crowd; for he was one of the best-known infidels in Chicago, indeed one of the best-known infidels in America. In less than a year, this gifted infidel was found dead in a Boston hotel side by side with a brilliant young woman (not his wife), whom he had led astray, first into infidelity and then into adultery. Impurity makes more infidels than all the infidel books that were ever written. Mind you, I do not say all skeptics and infidels are impure. God forbid! But I do say that impurity makes many infidels. Now you know whether you are impure or not. If you are, and are also an infidel or skeptic, give up your sin and see how quickly you get rid of your soul-destroying infidelity.

2. *But impurity sends men and women to perdition in still another way. It entangles people in relations that it is hard to get out of, and that one cannot remain in and be saved.* How many a poor, blinded fool of a man has become infatuated with some other man's wife and run away with her, and then wakened up some day to see that both he and she were in Hell now and on the way to an eternal Hell hereafter. But what could he do? The man who trifles with another man's wife (or trifles with another woman while he has a wife of his own) is not only one of the vilest, most scoundrelly, most contemptible, and abject sneaks and villains that walk the face of God's earth, but he is also one of the most arrant fools.

I dealt personally one night with a bright, intelligent young man. He was under deep conviction of sin. He told me he wanted to come to Christ.

"Well, then why don't you come?" I asked.

No answer. Then I looked steadily at him and his story lay revealed.

"Is there a woman in the case?" I asked.

"Yes."

"Will you give her up?"

There was an awful struggle, a long struggle, but finally he shook his head and walked out to his companion in sin and to Hell.

Hell will be crowded with adulterers and adulteresses. Hell will be more full of adulterers and adulteresses than Reno, Nevada. Some of you men here tonight may well tremble. I am not going to point you out, but God knows you. Oh! I appeal to every man and woman here tonight who is taking their first steps in the path of impurity; yes, to you who have gotten further on in that road; yes, to you who are way down that road; Repent, repent, repent, and believe in Jesus Christ tonight. If you do, this will be the happiest night you ever saw.

II. The Love of Money

The next path to perdition is the love of money. God says in I Timothy 6:9; "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition." How many there are in Los Angeles who are taking this road to Hell. Go out any of our finest avenues, how many saved men are there upon it? Very few. Why? Their money keeps them from Christ.

But the rich are not the only ones "who desire to be rich." Many people in very moderate circumstances are as eager to be rich as the multi-millionaire, only they have not been so successful

in acquiring wealth. The love of money sends men to perdition in a variety of ways:

1. In the first place, *The love of money leads to dishonest methods of acquiring money.* A great many business methods of the present day are simply legalized robbery. There are a great many rich men who if they were genuinely converted would have to pay back most of their money to the persons from whom they have stolen it. Some try to get around this by giving away a part of their stealings to churches, to colleges, to hospitals, to public libraries, to various Christian organizations and to the poor. This may soothe their own consciences, but it will not satisfy God and it will not keep them out of Hell.

2. Again, *the consuming love for money blinds many men to the fact that there is anything worth striving for but money; so they leave their souls and their eternal interests utterly neglected.* The average lover of money is seldom seen inside a church. There is a great deal more hope of awakening a man besotted with whisky to the fact that he has a soul to save than there is of awakening to the fact a man besotted with the love of money. I would a great deal rather undertake the job of bringing a rum-soaked man to Christ than of bringing a money-soaked man to Christ.

3. Then again, *many who love money when they are awakened to the fact that they have a soul and that it is lost will not come to Christ for fear they will have to give their money up if they do.* A man once came to Dr. McArthur of New York and said, "Dr. McArthur, must I give up my money if I become a Christian?"

Dr. McArthur replied wisely, saying, "If you become a Christian and Jesus Christ tells you to give up your money, you must be ready to give it up, every penny of it, if Jesus Christ tells you to."

The man answered, "I will take a week to think about it."

At the end of the week, he came back and said, "Dr. McArthur, I have settled it. I will hold on to my money till death; and if Christ and Heaven must go, they must go."

You may say that man was a great fool. I grant it—but there are many others like him, some of them right here in this audience tonight.

III. Love of Pleasure

Love of pleasure is another path to perdition. Many people in this audience tonight are rejecting Christ Jesus because they think that an acceptance of Christ would involve their giving up many pleasures of which they are extremely fond, and very likely it would. Many young people are saying, "I don't think a person can be a real Christian and dance or go to the theater or to the movies or play cards." Well, I admit I think there is a good deal of truth in what they say. "Well, then,"

they say, "I will hold on to my dancing, or theater, or movies (or whatever it may be), and let Jesus Christ go." They would rather dance to Hell than walk with a glad, Spirit-filled heart to Heaven. Alas, poor fools!

When I was holding meetings in Nashville, Tennessee, there were four ladies' colleges in that city, and a great many of the students came to the meetings. I think all but three of the young women who were not already Christians in one of the colleges accepted Christ at those meetings, and all but two in another and I think every one in another. A large section of the Reimer Auditorium was reserved for them each night. One night one of the colleges had a very large group of students present in a body in one of the galleries, to the left of the platform. When I gave out the invitation, a very large number of those young women rose and afterwards made a public confession of their acceptance of Christ.

But a prominent young woman, one of the great social leaders of the college, said after she got back to the college, "If I can't escape Hell without giving up my dancing, then I choose to go to Hell." It was an awful thing to say, and you never put it as bluntly as that, but some of you are acting on that principle. I am glad to say that within a short time that young woman changed her mind, and accepted Christ, and became one of the great leaders in the work. I hope that some of you tonight will be equally sensible and change your minds.

IV. Infidelity

Infidelity is another path to perdition. There is no hope for the infidel unless he gives up his infidelity. God tells us plainly in II Thessalonians 1:7-9, that "... the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." And the Lord Jesus Himself says, in Mark 16:15, 16, R.V., "... Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned." And

we read again in John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." There is not the slightest chance for any infidel. But you say, "I cannot help being an infidel." Yes, you can. If you will come to me, I will show you how to help it. If you are really

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In earnest, I will show you a way, a way that will commend itself to your own reason and conscience, out of infidelity into faith. I have shown it to many infidels and it has never failed yet.

One of the passages I just quoted, II Thessalonians 1:7-9, R.V., tells us that it is not only the agnostic and infidel who is on the road to perdition, but also that all that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus: "... shall suffer punishment, even eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might." There are many who in their intellectual opinion about God and the Bible and Jesus Christ are perfectly sound, but who still are "unbelievers" in the Bible sense of "unbelief," and every form of unbelief is a path to perdition. They do not "obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus," and therefore by the plain declaration of God's Word are on the road to "everlasting destruction."

What does it mean to "obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus"? The Greek word translated "obey" in this passage means first all "to listen" or "to hearken," and then it means to do what is the result of really listening to a command, to "obey it." So to "obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ," means to listen to the Gospel, believe what it says and do what it commands. What does the Gospel say? Paul tells us in I Corinthians 15:1-4. He says, "Now I make known unto you, brethren, the gospel which I preached unto you... For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried; and that he hath been raised up the third day according to the scriptures." That then is "the gospel" (or, good news). The Gospel says: First, that "Jesus Christ died for our sins," believe that, believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins; and trust God to forgive you because Jesus Christ died in your place. The Gospel says: Second, that "Jesus Christ was raised from the dead," believe that; and trust this risen Saviour, who has all power in Heaven and on earth, to deliver you from the power of sin. So much as to what to believe.

Then do what the Gospel tells you to do—confess Jesus Christ before the world. As this same Paul puts it in Romans 10:9,10, R.V., "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead; thou shalt be saved: for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation"; and also confess your renunciation of sin and your acceptance of Christ as your personal Saviour, by being baptized in His name. THE REFUSAL OR NEGLECT TO OBEY THE GOSPEL, BY NOT BELIEVING WHAT IT SAYS AND BY NOT DOING WHAT IT COMMANDS, LEADS TO CERTAIN PERDITION. This same thought is found in another of the passages just quoted, John 3:36: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him."

V. Reliance Upon a Mere Profession of Religion

Another path to perdition is reliance upon a mere profession of religion. Jesus Christ Himself makes that very plain in the very chapter from which our text is taken. In verses 21 to 23, He says, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:21-23).

A man may be a church member and still be on the straight road to Hell. A man may have his name on the church rolls (either Protestant or Roman Catholic);

he may be a church officer; he may be very active in various church enterprises; he may be a priest or a preacher. But, if he has not been born again; if he has not obeyed the Gospel; if he has not accepted Christ Jesus as his personal Saviour and Lord in such a real way that Christ is transforming him into His own image, that man is still unsaved and is on the road to perdition and will spend eternity there, unless he repents and accepts Jesus Christ with a living faith.

Oh, you men and women who are building your hopes of Heaven on the fact that you are members of the Roman Catholic church, or members of the Methodist church, or the Episcopal or the Baptist or the Presbyterian church, or the Church of the Open Door, or any other church; if that is all you have to build upon, you are in a path that ends in Hell, and you may not be very far from your destination.

VI. Putting Off Your Acceptance of Jesus Christ

Just one more path that leads to perdition, that is, putting off your acceptance of Jesus Christ to some future time. There are many of you who know that the path you are now in leads to perdition and you fully intend to get out of that path some time; but you say, "Not just yet, not tonight." My friend, that path of delay is one of the surest roads to Hell and one of the most crowded. More people go to Hell by that road than by almost any other. I suppose that more people who have sat in days gone by in this building but who are in perdition tonight have gone by this path of putting off, putting off, putting off a decision, than by any other road.

If we were to go into the world of those who have died without Christ, and ask the people who once lived in this city how they got to that dark world where they now exist, I suppose the great majority would say, "I got here by putting off accepting Jesus Christ." That is what many of you are doing tonight. You are saying, "I will accept Christ some time, but not tonight." Listen to what God says, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth" (Prov. 27:1), and again, "He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall SUDDELY BE DESTROYED, and that without remedy" (Prov. 29:1).

An active Christian young man some years ago was urging a friend to accept Christ. "Oh, no," he said, "I like to go to the theater, I love to hear Nat Goodwin and some other players. I won't be a Christian yet." The young man urged him to decide for Christ at once, and told his friend that there was great peril in delay. In a few days the man who refused to accept Christ at once was not at his place of business, and the Christian young man called on him. There seemed to be nothing very serious the matter with him. He had injured his leg slightly. And still he put off accepting Christ. In a few days, the Christian young man was horrified to learn that his friend was dead. Delay had done its work. Delay had sent another soul to perdition. "Oh," you say, "Dr. Torrey, don't try to frighten us." Listen, I would far rather be frightened into Heaven than laughed into Hell.

Let me reason with you, let me talk to you as intelligent men and women: QUIT RIGHT NOW ALL THESE PATHS THAT LEAD TO PERDITION AND GET INTO THE NARROW ROAD THAT LEADS TO ETERNAL LIFE RIGHT NOW. Take Jesus Christ tonight. He says, and He tells the truth when He says it, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Jesus Christ is the road and He is the only road to salvation and to sonship and to eternal life. Will you fake that road to-night by taking Him?

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